

Newsletter

Summer Term: 5th June 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Dear Parents,

The children came back ready and raring to go for this final half term of the year and what a week full of sporting success it's been! With inspirational athletics tips from GB sprinting superstar, Chad Miller, learning about our sporting heroes, a sensational swimming gala and to top it all off, a wonderful Junior Sports Day this afternoon. Special thanks to our brilliant Year 6 Sports Prefects who have led the week with the exemplary sportsmanship skills we would only expect from our Sports Prefects! Huge thanks also to our PE lead, Mr Alton, for organising another wonderful Sports Week for the children. One more exciting sporting event yet to come of course, with our Infants' Sports Day on Monday 22nd June (read on for more info!). Our Year 6 children are off on their very exciting School Journey next week (read on for more details) for which we wish them a week full of adventure, fun and hopefully some sunshine!

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

June

- 8-12 June** Y6 School Journey Week
- 8 June** Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
- 13 June** Y3 First Holy Communion 11am
- 15 June** Y3 FHC lunch & assembly
- 17 June** Whole Class Photographs
- 19 June** Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am
- 22 June** Infant Sports Day 2pm (St Luke's Pitches)
- 26 June** Reception Class Assembly 9.15am
- 26 June** Y1 Cake Sale 3.30pm
- 29 June** MapQuest Fortnight begins
- 29 June** Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale

July

- 1 & 2 July** Parents' Evening
- 3 July** Summer Mufti Day
- 8 July** Summer Music Concerts –Infants: 2pm Juniors: 2.30pm
- 10 July** House of the Year Party
- 15 July** Y6 Play 6.30pm
- 16 July** Leavers' Mass for Y5 & Y6 2pm
- 17 July** End of Term 1.30pm

September

- 1 & 2 Sept** Inset Days (school closed for pupils)
- 3 Sept** Children return

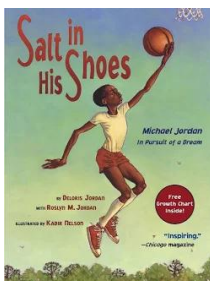
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: SPORTS WEEK

This week in assemblies we have been focusing on our Oratory Sports Week. We read the story 'Salt in His Shoes' which is all about Michael Jordan when he was a child in pursuit of his dream. We learnt that success comes from patience, hard work, and believing in yourself. Michael learns that he cannot grow taller overnight, but by practising basketball and staying determined, he can improve his skills and achieve his goals, which led to him becoming the basketball superstar that he did. Our very special guest, Chad Miller, then taught us the very same message about hard work, dedication and making sacrifices.

Story of the Week

Salt in His Shoes
By Deloris Jordan



Music of the Week

Roar
By Katy Perry



Art of the Week

Dynamism of a Soccer Player
by Umberto Boccioni



ORATORY SPORTS WEEK

Inspirational Visit from GB Sprinter, Chad Miller!

The Athletics Daily Mail

Chad Miller Going for Gold!

On the 2nd of June 2026 Chad Miller came to visit the Oratory Primary School. He had come to give tips on his running career and how to go for gold.

When he was 13 his father told him he had to choose one sport to be dedicated to. He chose what his heart told him to do.

Chad Miller runs 100 and 200m sprints. His career all started when he was 6 years old watching the 2004 Olympics on a tape recorder. He asked his father, who was also a runner, to take him to his local athletics track. Growing up he enjoyed different sports such as football, which he was captain of his team, tennis, basketball and athletics.

In 2017 he won bronze and silver at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas.

Just one year later in 2018 he took part in the 100m British Junior Championships where he was ranked 9th in the world in his 20s! Later on in 2019 he won bronze in the European Junior medallist. He has shown so much dedication, hard work, perseverance and endeavour.

And now in 2026 Chad Miller has given an inspiring speech at the very lucky Oratory School. We will be cheering you on in the Olympics!

Written By: Lola T, Yr 6



Chad racing the Year 6 Sports Prefects!



Athletics Masterclass with Chad Miller

After working with all of the children, Chad said that this had been one of the best schools he has ever visited – especially with special performances (including a Chad Miller rap!) for him by our Year 6 children.



Sensational Swimmers!

Huge congratulations to the members Year 5 and Year 6 who represented our school in a swimming gala with other local schools this week.

Every member of our team swam with skill and determination, demonstrating The Oratory Way with superb sportsmanship skills throughout.

Many of the children won their individual races, including Year 5 winning the relay.

We came a superb second place overall, with ten schools competing.

We celebrated the children in assembly this morning as yet another example of excellent endeavour.

Well done, Oratorian swimmers!



Magnificent Mosaics!

Our two new mosaic masterpieces, designed and created by the children with Adam Stanley, are now complete. Each mosaic beautifully reflects a key Catholic Social Teaching principle: one focusing on Care for God's Creation, while the Year 4 mosaic celebrates Community and Participation. Through their designs, the children have demonstrated how we live out these values every day at Oratory, showing our commitment to caring for the world around us and supporting one another as a community.

I think you'll agree that the finished mosaics are truly spectacular and we look forward to proudly displaying them on the walls of the school for everyone to enjoy.



Junior Sports Day!

Junior Sports Day this afternoon was a tremendous success, with all the children participating in every event with perseverance and boundless enthusiasm. Each house showcased excellent sportsmanship skills, making it a memorable and incredibly close competition! Congratulations to **RED HOUSE** on their victory, with **Blue House** in a very commendable second. The day was filled with joy and camaraderie, with all the children demonstrating The Oratory Way throughout. Well done, Oratorian Athletes!



Sports Day Picnic in the Park!



Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

The Feast of Corpus Christi, transferred to this Sunday, calls forth our faith in the greatest gift Our Lord has given us: the gift of His very self in the Eucharist. In this Sacrament, the promise Our Lord made in the Gospel, that He would be with us always, is realised in an extraordinary way, for in this Sacrament He is with us physically, so that we may adore Him and receive Him in Holy Communion, where He transforms us into His own likeness.

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below:

[Wednesday Word](#)

Year 6 School Journey

Our Year 6 children will be away for their very exciting residential trip at Marchants Hill in Surrey next week. Miss Cornes, Miss Oswald and Miss Smith will be accompanying them (with Mrs Reber visiting for the day on Tuesday and Mr Alton on Wednesday).

In their absence, Year 5 will be taught by Ms Carmody & Mr Alton; Year 3 by Mrs Nuttall & Mrs Reber and Reception by Mrs Steinart, Mrs Reber & Mrs Tomlinson.

We wish Year 6 a hugely enjoyable and memorable week (with hopefully lots of sunshine)!

Good luck also to our Year 5 class who will have their first experience of being the leaders of the school for a week – we know you're going to rise to the challenge and do an excellent job!

Statutory Assessments

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check:

At the beginning of June, Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Tables check.

Please use the following link for more information:

[Year 4 Multiplications Check Information for Parents](#)

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check:

In the week beginning Monday 8th June, Year 1 will have their Phonics Screening Check. This is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. Please click on the link below for more information:

[Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents](#)

Infants' Sports Day Monday 22nd June 2pm

On Monday 22nd June from 2pm, the Infant pupils will enjoy their races at St Luke's pitches. Please meet us in the pitch nearest the Church. Parents wait on the left-hand side, and pupils sit opposite, on the right.

Year 6 prefects will be assisting us. **Remember that the children should wear their PE kits to school.**

Sun cream should be applied at home in the morning and they should bring their house-coloured school sun cap and a water bottle. The sports day will finish just before normal pick up and the children will come back to school with their teachers and be dismissed as normal on this day.

Parents- don't forget to wear sensible shoes so that you can take part in the adults' races!

Music Concerts



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are very happy to invite parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to a music performance in the hall on **Wednesday 8th July at 2pm.**

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

We will then be inviting parents of children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to a music performance in the hall at **2.30pm.**

This will be an opportunity for you to see just how much brilliant learning the children have been doing in their music lessons with Miss Buller.

Little Litter Pickers!



SCHOOL COUNCIL WEEK!

Our brilliant School Council children will be taking over the school for their School Council Week the week beginning Monday 22nd June.

They are in the midst of making lots of wonderful plans, including:

Wednesday 24th June: Sponge School Council!

More details to follow but don't miss the opportunity to sponge your school council (who willingly put themselves forward!) for their chosen charity. Well done, School Council!

Friday 26th June: Oratory's Got Talent!

School Council will be delighted to host our much-anticipated annual 'Oratory's Got Talent' on the afternoon of Friday 26th June. Auditions will be held the week before this.

Most importantly, School Council have chosen the charity: War Child to raise important funds for throughout the week. They are currently planning sponsored skips, runs and lots more!

More details to follow but it is set to be a superb School Council Week!

Next Academic Year



If your child will be leaving at the end of the academic year, please let the school know in writing as soon as possible, so that the place can be offered to a child on our waiting list.
Thank you.

Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale



COFFEE MORNING

We will be having a coffee morning and uniform sale on **Monday 29th June** from 8.30am in the school hall to which we have also invited any new families who will be joining us in September.

Class Photos

On Wednesday 17th June, the children will be having their whole class photographs. The photographs are being taken in St Luke's Park. Please make sure your child comes to school in clean uniform, the correct shoes (no trainers), grey socks for the boys and white socks for the girls. Long hair should be firmly tied up in case it is windy. The children will not wear their cardigans/jumpers for the photos. Year 5, who usually wear PE kits on Wednesdays, should come into school in full uniform rather than PE kits (they still need to bring their swimming kit in as usual). Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Reminder: Holiday dates

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Friday 17th July at 1.30pm**. Families **should not** book holidays before this date. Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate. The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few days are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. Not only this, low attendance figures reflect badly on the school and cause significantly more administrative work for the school's leaders and office staff. Thank you.

The Earl's Courtiers Presents

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Location: Beatrix Potter Globe

*Bousfield Primary School, Entrance On Boltons Place

Performance Schedule:

Wednesday 24th June

7.00pm – 9.45pm

Thursday 25th June

7.00pm – 9.45pm

Friday 26th June

7.00pm – 9.45pm

Saturday 27th June

2.00pm – 4.30pm

7.00pm – 9.45pm

Sunday 28th June

2.00pm – 4.30pm

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What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant first week after the half term break. There has been much excitement due to it being Sports Week, the upcoming Year 6 play and next week's School Journey! This week, the children have done the following:

English: Reading Focus: Analysing the context surrounding the class text *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah. Writing Focus: writing an independent letter, review, advertisement, or news report based on Chad Miller's visit to Oratory. Drama focus: preparing Year 6 end of term performance.

History: To analyse why different settlers decided to invade Britain before 1066.

RE: The Transforming Spirit: To show understanding of the Transformation that took place in Paul and link these teachings to my own life. Writing and publishing prayers for Owlets; Creating poems and prayers for the Holy Spirit.

Science: Identifying, describing and classifying micro-organisms; Understanding the importance and impact of Carl Linneaus and the Linnean system of classification; summative unit assessment on classifying living things and their habitats.

Art: Painting clay masks sculpted as part of Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations

PE: Cricket, Sprinting Session with Team GB's Chad Miller

Next week is a hugely exciting one for the Year 6s - School Journey!



Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have:

In English, we created our own graphic novels based on classic fairy tales.

In Maths, we finished our *Converting Units* topic, understanding how to convert units of length and time.

In History, we have looked at artefacts and how they might have been used in the Tudor Times which we will continue next week.

In Science, we compared the findings of Newton and Einstein and completed our fact file on *Forces*.

In Art, we have continued working on our Tudor Embroidery.

In PE, we have started developing our skills using balls and rackets.

Well done on another fantastic week Year 5!



Year 4:

Year 4 have had a wonderful time embracing Sports Week along with all of our other learning.

English: Along with our assessments, we looked at how prefixes and suffixes change words and have practised using them.

Maths: We learned about different types of angles and triangles, and identified characteristics of equilateral, isosceles and scalene triangles.

R.E: We looked at the Apostles Creed in detail and identified the key beliefs that it summarises. We explored how we celebrate and illustrate these beliefs in the Church today.

History: Looking at different sources, we made deductions based on the evidence that was discovered at the burial at Sutton Hoo.

Art: We used different textiles as we practised sewing.

P.E: We participated in the Year 4 Cricket Festival and also started a new sport in our P.E lessons - tennis. We practised our ball control skills

P.S.H.E: We discussed different types of relationships and different types of families.

Well done Year 4 on a wonderful week! We hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Year 4 Team



Year 3:

Year 3 have had a fantastic week! On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to watch Planet Omar at the Unicorn Theatre, it was amazing to see the book we've been studying brought to life! We also got to meet the athlete, Chad Miller who taught us some key skills and explained how important his faith is in his journey. This week Year 3 have learnt:

-In Maths, we use our time telling skills to find durations of time and use these in maths problems. We also started to look at our shape topic, starting with looking at right, acute and obtuse angles.

-In English, we revised our grammar techniques from this year before completing our Grammar and Punctuation assessment.

-In RE, we explored the narrative of the Exodus and the first Passover, identifying key events in sequence.

-In Science, we showed off our knowledge in our assessments.

-In Art, we took inspiration from our Ancient Greece topic by drawing the Trojan Horse.

-In PE, we started our tennis focus by practising our hand-eye coordination, throwing and catching a tennis ball in different ways.

-Year 3 did fantastically at their very first Junior Sports Day, showing great skill and sportsmanship.



Year 2:

A huge well done to Year 2 who have completed the last week of their SATs assessments! We are so proud of the children who have shown wonderful perseverance and tried their very best! We have finished the week with some Golden Time!

Here is what else the children have been up to:

In **English**, we have started a new text 'Bear and Bird'. We have been making inferences about the two main characters in the story, focussing on what they might be thinking and feeling.

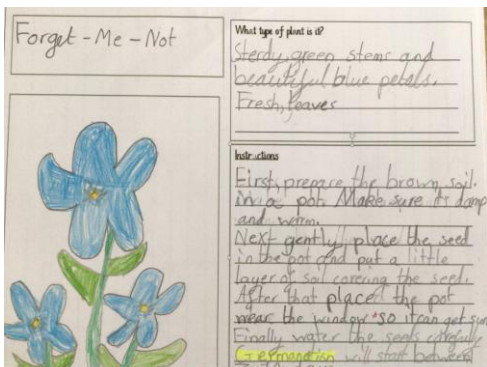
In **Maths**, we have been telling the time. We have focused on telling time past the hour and to the hour.

In **RE**, we have been looking at examples of saints whose lives show the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We have also been reflecting on how Christians believe that the Holy Spirit helps them to pray and develop habits of good behaviour. We wrote prayers to ask the Holy Spirit for help.

In **Science**, we have been designing seed packets. We have written instructions on how to plant a seed and take care of it.

In **Geography**, we identified the features of Banjul.

In **Art**, we continued to look at the work of J.M.W. Turner. We used watercolour paints and drew inspiration from Turner's use of a cool colour palette to create mood in his painting.



Year 1:

This week we have been learning:

Maths: we have been doing our Summer term Maths assessment reviewing and practicing our arithmetic and problem-solving skills. The children have also been practicing finding one quarter of objects and shapes.

English: In English we have been reviewing our tricky words and all the sounds we have learnt in Year 1. We have also started a new book called 'If all the world were...' by Joseph Coelho. We have been using our predicting skills to think of what will happen in the story based on an illustration. We have also thought about our favourite Summer memories. We wrote a postcard explaining why this was our favourite trip.

PE: This week we have been practicing our throwing and cricket skills.

Workshop: This week we enjoyed an inspiring workshop by Great Britain sprinter Chad Miller!

Phonics: This week we have been practicing our tricky words and words containing split digraphs.

Art: This week we have been looking at the work of Seurat and Signac and the artist's use of mark-making and colour.

Religious Education: This week we have been learning to know that Christian means follower of Jesus Christ. We thought about the different ways we can follow Jesus.

Handwriting: This week we have been focusing on writing our capital letters.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team



Reception:

Reception have had a wonderful first week back and have dived straight in to their final term in Reception!

Phonics: We have been reading and writing sentences with consonant blends.

Literacy: We have been reading the new class text "The Rainbow Fish" where the children focused on making predictions about the text and the use of capital letters in name writing.

Maths: This week, we have focused on making, recognising and creating doubles.

UTW: This week, we talked about different sea creatures and learnt facts about sea creatures.

EAD: The children used collage and colour skills to create underwater pictures and Rainbow Fish puppets.

PD: This week, we focused on the use of a bat and ball where children practised balancing a ball on a racquet.

PSED: We discussed what it means to be a good friend.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK & ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to these children who have had an extra special week and received Pupil of the Week and Act of Kindness awards. Keep up the great work!

	Pupil of the Week	Act of Kindness
Reception	Vittoria	David
Year 1	Logan	Leon
Year 2	Juan	Isabel
Year 3	Mattea	William
Year 4	Enzo	Philippe
Year 5	Oscar	Genevieve
Year 6	Liam	Maximilian
Special Act of Kindness		Zelia (Y6)

House of the Week	Class of the Week
Yellow House	Year 2 (For working so hard for their SATs)